

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Project Title: South Operations Headquarters Replacement Project

Project Location – Specific: March Air Reserve Base, West of Riverside Drive, South of Cactus, CA, 92553

Project Location – City: Moreno Valley

Project Location – County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

CAL FIRE proposes to acquire 12.4 acres of land currently owned by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on the March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County. The property is proposed to be used for the relocation and replacement of the headquarters and operations center complex. The facility would be the primary operations coordination center for all emergency responses directed to CAL FIRE in the southern half of the state and would provide administrative support in the general geographical area. The facility would coordinate responses to fires, hazardous materials spills, highway emergencies, natural disasters, city and county medical emergencies, etc. Future development of the property will undergo an updated environmental compliance review.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tom Schanberger, Project Manager
Professional Services Branch, Real Estate Services Division, California Department of General Services

EXEMPT STATUS: Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule

Reason Why Project Is Exempt:

The acquisition activity by itself is covered by the general rule that "CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; where it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA". Transfer of property ownership does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment in this case. Further potential activities associated with the property (e.g. development of the South Operations Headquarters complex) have been analyzed under CEQA in 2002 and again in 2008, and will undergo an updated CEQA compliance review and analysis.

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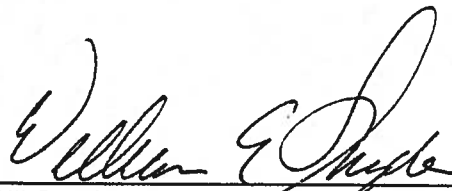
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